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1. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE LETTER OF LEBANESE
REGULATIONS EXCLUDES OR SEVERELY RESTRICTS ADMISSION OF
JEWISH ALIENS. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THIS PROVISION IS
QUOTE OVERLOOKED UNQUOTE TO THE EXTEND THAT EVEN VISA
APPLICATION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE REFERENCE TO
RELIGION. THERE MAY BE EXCEPTIONAL EXCLUSIONS, OF COURSE,
BUT NONE INVOLVING AMERICANS IN OUR MEMORY. THERE HAVE
BEEN OCCASIONAL TEMPORARY DELAYS OF ENTRY FOR AMERICAN
JEWS, USUALLY INVOLVING OVER-ZEALOUS IMMIGRATION
INSPECTORS. THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED QUICKLY
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WHEN REFERRED TO SENIOR PERSONNEL ON DUTY. ONE SURETE

GENERAL OFFICIAL TOLD US THEY ALWAYS QUOTE OVERLOOK
UNQUOTE THE RULES AS THEY WISH ALIEN JEWS QUOTE TO
SEE AND APPRECIATE LEBANON UNQUOTE.

2. LEBANON DOES STRICTLY ENFORCE ITS RULES AGAINST
ADMISSION OF ALIENS WITH PASSPORTS CONTAINING ISRAELI
VISAS OR OTHER MARKINGS. IN NEARLY ALL CASES INVOLVING
AMERICANS, HOWEVER, HOLDERS OF SUCH PASSPORTS ARE
QUOTE PAROLED UNQUOTE INTO COUNTRY LONG ENOUGH FOR
THEM TO OBTAIN QUOTE CLEAN UNQUOTE PASSPORTS FROM THIS
EMBASSY.

3. SINCE THIS EMBASSY INVOLVED IN OBTAINING VISAS
FOR OFFICIAL AMERICANS FOR TRAVEL TO WIDE VARIETY OF
ARAB COUNTRIES, WE HAVE VISA APPLICATIONS ON STOCK
FROM MOST SUCH COUNTRIES. EXAMINATION OF FORMS ON
HAND REVEALS THAT FOLLOWING COUNTRIES DO NOT REPEAT
NOT INQUIRE RE RELIGION ON VISA APPLICATIONS: BAHRAIN,
JORDAN, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND SUDAN. VISA APPLI-
CATIONS FOR FOLLOWING COUNTRIES REQUEST RELIGION: ARAB
REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, ALGERIA, IRAQ, KUWAIT, LIBYA, QATAR,
SAUDI ARABIA AND YEMEN. IN ADDITION, SAUDI EMBASSY
USUALLY REQUIRES APPLICANT TO EXECUTE AFFADAVIT RE-
GARDING HIS RELIGION.
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